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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which [x] is attached hereto, was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever used or known in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, that this invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this invention, that this invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on any application filed by me or my legal representatives, or assigned more than twelve months prior to this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this Application by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Day/Month/Year Filed \_\_\_\_\_

Priority Claimed: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information of patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Application serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Filing date: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: Patented, Pending, or Abandoned

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And I hereby appoint Robert L. Knechtel, Registration No. 36,845, Alan B. Samlan, Registration No. 28,470, and Basil E. Demeur, Registration No. 23,049, of Knechtel, Demeur & Samlan, 30 South Wacker Drive, Suite 2810, Chicago, Illinois 60606, as my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. It is requested that all communication be directed Robert L. Knechtel at the above address. All telephone calls should be made to (312) 655-9900.

I hereby declare all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS [37 CFR 1.9 (f) AND 1.27(b)] - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled

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described in [x] the specification filed herewith;

[ ] application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_;

[ ] Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

[x] no such persons, concern, or organization

[ ] persons, concerns or organizations listed below\*

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR 1.27).

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] individual [ ] small business concern [ ] nonprofit organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate [37 CFR 1.28(b)].

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are

punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

By: Brian Haack

Brian Haack  
Signature

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